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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, For over four decades, the United States government has pursued a clear policy when deciding where to locate its major intelligence agencies by picking suburban and rural settings, usually on closely guarded military installations; and

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WHEREAS, House Resolution 10 of the 99th General Assembly urged the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to relocate its new West Campus to St. Clair County at a site adjacent to Scott Air Force Base; and

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WHEREAS, The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency has recently made a decision to instead build its new \$1.6 billion campus at a location in northern St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers was tasked with creating a Final Environmental Impact Statement regarding proposed site locations for the new campus; the finished report contained significant errors concerning geographic locations and mission security protocols and risks, and neglected to take many factors into account, including the environmental conditions and former chemical weapons testing at the St. Louis site, the presence of Osage Nation burial grounds in the vicinity, and the impact of numerous federal

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1 laws on the selection of the site; and

2 WHEREAS, Scott Air Force Base and the surrounding areas
3 have won numerous quality of life awards from the United States
4 Air Force and have received glowing reviews from the Air Force,
5 the Defense Information Systems Agency, and other government
6 agencies and contractors; the Scott Air Force Base area has
7 also been rated highly for its wonderful educational
8 opportunities through Southern Illinois University and
9 highly-skilled workforce; and

10 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that it will cost at least
11 \$130 million to acquire and prepare the 99-acre site in
12 northern St. Louis for the new campus; by comparison, the
13 property in St. Clair County is shovel-ready and would only
14 cost \$5 million to acquire, a cost that St. Clair County would
15 bear since it plans to give the entire 182-acre site free of
16 charge to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; and

17 WHEREAS, The members of this body strongly believe that it
18 would be in the best interests of the nation and of national
19 security for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to
20 reconsider its decision and to relocate its West Campus to the
21 St. Clair County site; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 strongly urge the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to
3 reconsider its decision to not relocate its West Campus to St.
4 Clair County at a site adjacent to Scott Air Force Base; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 delivered to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the
8 United States Army Corps of Engineers - Kansas City District,
9 President Barack Obama, and the members of the Illinois
10 congressional delegation.